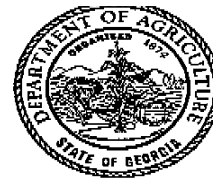




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**WATERMELON TRUCK SHIPMENTS & MEXICAN CROSSINGS-** (Shown in 45,000 lb units each) Corrected to date.  
Rail Truck (As shown R-T). N/A-Not Available (Totals May Not Add Due To Rounding)

	MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THUR 18	FRI 19	SAT 20	SUN 21	TOTAL TO 2003	DATE 2002	FINAL 2002
<b>Arizona Truck</b>	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5466	5319	5607
(Seeded)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1864	N/A	N/A
(Seedless)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3602	N/A	N/A
<b>California Truck</b>	20	16	14	14	19	4	0	5418	8320	8719
(Seeded)	2	2	2	3	4	1	0	1339	N/A	N/A
(Seedless)	18	14	12	10	15	3	0	4071	N/A	N/A
<b>DE, MD, VA Truck</b>								2395	3724	3759
(Seeded)								453	1186	1197
(Seedless)								1941	2538	2562
<b>Florida Truck</b>								13190	13267	13752
(Seeded)								5381	7687	7841
(Seedless)								7809	5580	5911
<b>FL, GA R-T</b>								192	511	512
<b>Georgia Truck</b>								11945	10159	10159
(Seeded)								4425	N/A	N/A
(Seedless)								7520	N/A	N/A
<b>Indiana Truck</b>								3835	4011	4011
(Seeded)								1232	1557	1557
(Seedless)								2602	2454	2454
<b>Missouri Truck</b>								3663	3178	3178
(Seeded)								1612	1775	1775
(Seedless)								2053	1403	1403
<b>N. Carolina Truck</b>								1183	1371	1403
(Seeded)								500	945	958
(Seedless)								688	426	445
<b>Oklahoma Truck</b>								930	860	934
(Seeded)								317	416	424
(Seedless)								613	444	510
<b>S. Carolina Truck</b>								1663	2335	2487
(Seeded)								426	933	972
(Seedless)								1237	1402	1515
<b>Texas Truck</b>	45	111	51	60	43	27	8	11804	13042	13353
(Seeded)	19	32	20	19	12	4	3	5124	6025	6110
(Seedless)	26	79	31	41	31	23	5	6675	7017	7243
<b>Mexico Truck</b>								13409	11898	11898
<b>TOTALS 2003</b>	67	127	67	74	62	31	8	75093		
<b>TOTALS 2002</b>	13	109	88	104	105	92	72		77995	

## SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2003

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point And Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis. Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Brokerage fees paid by the shipper are included in the price reported.

### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA

Demand light. Market barely steady.

24 inch bins per lb

#### Red Flesh Seedless Type

medium (approximately 45 count)

few high as

small (approximately 60 count)

mostly

.08- .10

.12

.06- .08

.06

large (approximately 35 count)

few higher

Lighter shipments expected to continue through the month.

Extra services included

---Last Report---

.08- .10

### TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA

Demand Red Flesh Seeded Type very light, Red Flesh Seedless Type moderate. Market steady.

24 inch bins per lb

#### Red Flesh Seedless Type

medium (approximately 45 count)

mostly

36 inch bins per lb

#### Red Flesh Seeded Type

medium (approximately 50 count)

.10- .13

.12

.06- .10

**WHOLESALE MARKETS****Monday, September 22, 2003**

Unless otherwise stated, prices below cover sales by first receivers on available supplies to 11:00 a.m. on this morning's terminal market in wholesale lots on stock of generally good quality and condition. Weather report indicates temperature and climatic conditions at 7:00 a.m. local time and followed by the highest temperature for the proceeding day.

**ATLANTA** (Overcast 71-82)

**Watermelons** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. bins CO Red Flesh Seeded Type 30-34 lb 3.75 MO Red Flesh Seeded Type 28-30 lb 3.75 per melon IN Red Flesh Seeded Type 25-28 lb 3.00-3.50 Red Flesh Seedless Type 12-14 lb 3.75 MO Red Flesh Seeded Type 25-28 lb 3.00-3.50 NC Red Flesh Seeded Type 25-28 lb 3.50 occas lower

**BOSTON** (Raining 66-73)

**Watermelons** MARKET TX SANGRIA HIGHER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. ctns NM Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 18.00 5s 18.00 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 20.00-24.00 mostly 20.00-22.00 one label 16.00 5s one label 16.00 Sangria Type 3s 18.00 bins per melon TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Long Varieties 20-22 lb 5.00 Round Varieties 16-18 lb 3.50

**CHICAGO** (Light Rain 60-72)

**Watermelons** MARKET ILLINOIS SLIGHTLY LOWER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. ctns per lb TX Red Flesh Seeded Type 3s .25-.26 few .24 4s .23-.24 bins per lb IL Red Flesh Seeded Type 18-24 lb .12-.13 occas higher Red Flesh Seedless Type 14-16 lb .14-.15 NM Red Flesh Seeded Type 24-28 lb .17-.18 mostly .18 OK Red Flesh Seeded Type 24-28 lb .18 occas lower Red Flesh Seedless Type 14-16 lb .20 occas higher TX Red Flesh Seedless Type 14-16 lb .20-.22 mostly .20

**NEW YORK** (Overcast 62-76)

**Watermelons** MARKET CTNS HIGHER, BINS LOWER. Wide range in quality and condition bins per lb DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 14-16 lb avg fr cond .12 Sangria 16-24 lb avg fr cond .12 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Long Varieties 20-24 lb avg .20 Round Varieties 20-24 lb avg .22 Sangria 20-24 lb avg .18 ctns 3s MX Sangria 65-69 lb avg 15.00 TX Sangria 70-74 lb avg 16.00-18.00 fr cond 14.00 75-79 lb avg 23.00 fineappear 20.00 ctns 4s MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 15.00 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Long Varieties 75-79 lb avg fineappear 23.00 Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 18.00-20.00 mostly 20.00 75-79 lb avg 20.00 fineappear 23.00 ctns 5s TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 18.00-20.00

**PHILADELPHIA** (Partly Cloudy 74-76)

**Watermelons** OFFERINGS LIGHT. ctns TX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s few 19.00

**PITTSBURGH** (Cloudy 66-75)

**Watermelons** MARKET STEADY. ctns Local Repack Red Flesh Seeded Type 5s 17.00 bins per lb DE Red Flesh Seeded Type 20-22 lb .15-.16 22-24 lb .15-.16 Red Flesh Seedless Type 22-24 lb .17-.19 mostly .18-.19 per melon IN Red Flesh Seeded Type 20-22 lb 3.50

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sgl 4:00pm

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